

What we claim is:

1. A portable information apparatus having communications tools, said portable information apparatus including:

a wireless transmission/reception section for transmitting to and receiving from an external wireless transmitter/receiver electromagnetic signals;

an operation section for performing various operations;

a display section for displaying status of the operations made by said operation section, and status and the results of transmission/reception operations made by said wireless transmission/reception section; and

a control section connected with said wireless transmission/reception section, operation section, and display section, for controlling overall actions of said portable information apparatus, wherein

said operation section has selection means for selectively enabling/disenabling the transmission functions of said wireless transmission/reception section.

2. The portable information apparatus having communications tools according to claim 1, wherein said wireless transmission/reception section is adapted to serve as a dedicated wireless receiver when said transmission functions of said wireless transmission/reception section are disenabled.

3. A portable information apparatus having communications tools, said portable information apparatus including:

a wireless transmission/reception section for transmitting to and receiving from an external wireless transmitter/receiver electromagnetic

signals;

an operation section for performing various operations;

a display section for displaying status of the operations made by said operation section, and status and the results of transmission/reception operations made by said wireless transmission/reception section; and

a control section connected with said wireless transmission/reception section, operation section, and display section, for controlling overall actions of said portable information apparatus,

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said portable information apparatus further comprising reception means, within or outside said wireless transmission/reception section, for receiving a communication prohibition signal and/or a communication permission signal transmitted from an external facility, and for enabling/disabling said transmission functions of said wireless transmission/reception section upon receipt of said communication prohibition signal and/or said communication permission signal.

4. The portable information apparatus having communications tools according to claim 3, wherein said wireless transmission/reception section is adapted to serve as a dedicated wireless receiver when said transmission functions of said wireless transmission/reception section are disabled.

5. The portable information apparatus having communications tools according to claim 3, wherein said communication prohibition signal and/or said communication permission signal are/is weaker than the electromagnetic waves transmitted from said wireless transmission/reception section of said portable information apparatus.

6. The portable information apparatus having communications tools according to claim 3, further comprising:

a data section for storing data regarding the portable information apparatus;

a discrimination section, adapted to receive the results of the reception from the reception means and receive data from the data section, for setting the transmission function of the wireless transmission/reception section enabled or disabled, based on the results received from the reception means and the data received from the data section.

7. A control system for controlling portable information apparatuses having communications tools, said control system having a transmitter for transmitting a communication prohibition signal and/or a communication permission signal to the portable information apparatuses, said transmitter installed at a location where transmissions of electromagnetic waves from said portable information apparatuses are prohibited.

8. The control system according to claim 7, wherein said communication prohibition signal and/or communication permission signal are/is weaker than electromagnetic waves transmitted from the wireless transmission/reception section of the portable information apparatus.

9. The control system according to claim 7, wherein said transmitter is operated under predetermined conditions.

10. A control system comprising a multiplicity of transmitters defined in claim 7.

~~11~~ An apparatus equipped with a controller for controlling portable information apparatuses having communications tools, said apparatus comprising a transmitter for transmitting a communication prohibition signal and/or a communication permission signal to said portable information apparatuses, wherein said transmitter is installed on an apparatus that can be influenced by electromagnetic waves transmitted from said portable information apparatuses.

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a1 12. The apparatus equipped with a controller according to claim 11, wherein said communication prohibition signal and/or said communication permission signal are/is weak enough not to influence said electromagnetically susceptible apparatus.